

## **I ask you to please oppose HB 5080 – Sunday hunting**

**Lyme disease:** There is absolutely no proof at all that an additional day of bow hunting, the least effective deer management tool, would result in more deer being killed to supposedly lower Lyme disease incidents. The deer population per square mile is higher in Fairfield County than in Windham County, yet their incidents of Lyme disease are higher per 100,000. Deer browse on ground cover, removing black-legged tick habitat. It is disingenuous to suggest that killing deer somehow also eliminates ticks – ticks do NOT die with the deer – they move onto other deer, mid-sized mammals, dogs and humans. The CDC and many health authorities do NOT recommend hunting to control Lyme disease!

**Convenience for hunters:** By their own admission, many hunters admit that Sunday would merely be an alternate day, not an additional day of hunting – purely for convenience

**CT residents ONLY:** According to [www.bowsite.com](http://www.bowsite.com), CT bowhunters have been contacting out-of-state hunters, asking them to submit testimony in favor of Sunday hunting. Out-of-state resident should have no voice on this matter – you must ignore any such endorsements!

**Peace of mind:** I do not want bowhunting on my neighbor's property on Sunday – I want at least one day to feel safe and secure for my family and pets, considering that bowhunting season in CT begins in mid-September. There have been numerous incidents of dogs, cats, horses mistaken for deer, yet one may ask how a cat can possibly be mistaken for a deer! Bowhunting is the most cruel of blood sports, and one more day of it is unconscionable!

**Revenues:** Non-consumptive wildlife enthusiasts in CT outspend hunters 7 to 1, and outnumber hunters in CT 29-1!

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